

## Message for International Education Week 2010

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On behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), I congratulate Secretary Arne Duncan and the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary Hillary Clinton and the U.S. Department of State on their efforts to foster global cooperation and collaboration through the excitement of International Education Week 2010.

The theme for International Education Week 2010: *Striving for a Sustainable Future* echoes NASA's commitment to work toward the common goals of making life better for all people and improving our understanding of the Earth. NASA's newly released Strategic Sustainability and Performance Plan focuses on reducing emissions, preventing pollution, increasing water use efficiency, and constructing and maintaining high-performance, sustainable buildings on Earth while continuing to achieve the goals of the Agency.

NASA recently completed deployment of the Earth Observing System (EOS), the world's most advanced and comprehensive capability to measure global climate change. Over the coming decade, NASA and the Agency's research partners will be analyzing EOS data to characterize, understand, and predict variability and trends in Earth's system for both research and applications. We deliver sound science that helps decision makers make informed decisions and work closely with our global partners in Government, industry, and the public to enhance economic security and environmental stewardship, benefiting society in many tangible ways. NASA Earth System Science is also extending science and technology education to learners of all ages. We inspire the next generation of explorers by providing opportunities for learners of all ages to investigate the Earth system using unique NASA resources and our Earth System research is strengthening science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education worldwide. This is a fundamental part of our mission because the leaders and citizens who will meet challenges of tomorrow are the students of today.

In addition, NASA partners with nations around the globe to conduct research on the International Space Station, the most advanced scientific research platform ever created. This collaborative endeavor crosses borders and cultures to unite us as we seek the answers needed to ensure a sustainable future.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State and wish you success in this year's efforts.